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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method in a data processing system for presenting
5 content in a document, the method comprising:
parsing the document for a salient feature; and
responsive to locating the salient feature within
the document, presenting the salient feature in a manner
other than visually.
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2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining whether to present additional portions
of the document.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the determining step
is performed after the audibly presenting step.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the salient feature
is at least one of bold text, italicized text, underlined
20 text, text having a selected font size, and text having a
selected color.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the salient feature
is presented in an audible manner.
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6. The method of claim 1, wherein the salient feature
is presented in a tactile manner.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the document is at
30 least one of an extensible markup language document, a
hypertext markup language, and a resource description
file.

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14. The data processing system of claim 13, wherein the determining means is activated after the audibly presenting means is activated.

5 15. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the salient feature is at least one of bold text, italicized text, underlined text, text having a selected font size, and text having a selected color.

10 16. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the salient feature is presented in an audible manner.

17. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the salient feature is presented in a tactile manner.

15 18. The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the document is a markup language document.

19. A data processing system comprising:
 20 a bus system;
 a communications unit connected to the bus system;
 a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and
 a processing unit connected to the bus system,
 25 wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to parse the document for a salient feature, and present the salient feature in response to locating a salient feature within the document, in a manner other than visually.

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one salient feature;

determining the at least one salient feature; and
in response to the request, presenting at least one
of the at least one salient features in a non-visual
manner before presenting non-salient content in a
non-visual manner.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein determining the at least one salient feature further comprises at least one of receiving the at least one salient feature in a file; determining the at least one salient feature from XML tags; and analyzing the document for at least one of a title, a heading, bold text, italicized text, underlined text, text in a selected color, text having a certain font size, and highlighted text.

27. A method in a data processing system for presenting content in a document, comprising:

receiving a request for a document page;
20 determining if the page contains at least one
salient feature; and

if the page contains at least one salient feature,
presenting at least one of the at least one salient
features in a non-visual manner before presenting
25 non-salient content in a non-visual manner.

28. A method for processing a requested document,
comprising:

analyzing content of the document for at least one
30 salient feature;
denoting the at least one salient feature separately
from the content; and
sending the document and the separately denoted at

least one salient feature to a requester of the document.

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receiving means for receiving a request for a document page;

determining means for determining if the page contains at least one salient feature; and

presenting means, responsive to the page containing at least one salient feature, for presenting at least one of the at least one salient features in a non-visual manner before presenting non-salient content in a non-visual manner.

33. A data processing system for processing a requested document, comprising:

analyzing means for analyzing content of the document for at least one salient feature;

denoting means for denoting the at least one salient feature separately from the content; and

sending means for sending the document and the separately denoted at least one salient feature to a requester of the document.

34. The data processing system of claim 33 wherein denoting means from further comprises at least one of means for denoting the at least one salient feature in a file and means for denoting the at least one salient feature in XML tags.

35. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for presenting content in a document, comprising:

first instructions for receiving a request for a document having at least one salient feature;

second instructions for determining the at least one salient feature; and

third instructions, in response to the request, for presenting at least one of the at least one salient features in a non-visual manner before presenting

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non-salient content in a non-visual manner.

36. The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the second instructions further comprises at least one of sub-instructions for receiving the at least one salient feature in a file; sub-instructions for determining the at least one salient feature from XML tags; and sub-instructions for analyzing the document for at least one of a title, a heading, bold text, italicized text, underlined text, text in a selected color, text having a certain font size, and highlighted text.

37. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for presenting content in a document, comprising:

first instructions for receiving a request for a document page;

second instructions for determining if the page contains at least one salient feature; and

third instructions, if the page contains at least one salient feature, for presenting at least one of the at least one salient features in a non-visual manner before presenting non-salient content in a non-visual manner.

38. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for processing a requested document, comprising:

first instructions for analyzing content of the document for at least one salient feature;

second instructions for denoting the at least one salient feature separately from the content; and

sending the document and the separately denoted at least one salient feature to a requester of the document.

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39. The computer program product of claim 38 wherein the
second instructions from the content further comprises at
least one of sub-instructions for denoting the at least
one salient feature in a file and sub-instructions for
5 denoting the at least one salient feature in XML tags.

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